IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (previously presented): An underwater energy dampening device, comprising:

a first bubble producing unit, wherein said first bubble producing unit comprises:

a tube support frame attached to said spine; and

a tube with holes, said tube being placed within said frame;

a second bubble producing unit, said second bubble producing unit being vertically spaced from said first bubble producing unit;

one or more means for supplying gas to said first bubble producing unit and to said second bubble producing unit; and

a spine for supporting said first bubble producing unit and said second bubble producing unit.

Claim 6 (original): The device according to claim 5, wherein said means for supplying gas to said first bubble producing unit and said second bubble producing unit comprises:

at least one compressor; and

tubing attached to said compressor and to said first bubble producing unit and to said second bubble producing unit.

Claim 7 (original): The device according to claim 6, additionally comprising a frame for removable attachment to the top of said spine.

Claim 8 (original): The device according to claim 7, wherein said first bubble producing unit is vertically spaced from between three and five meters from said second bubble producing unit.

Claim 9 (original): The device according to claim 8, additionally comprising a third bubble producing unit, said third bubble producing unit being vertically spaced from said first bubble producing unit and from said second bubble producing unit.

Claim 10 (original): The device according to claim 9, additionally comprising a fourth bubble producing unit, said fourth bubble producing unit being vertically spaced from said first bubble producing unit, from said second bubble producing unit, and from said third bubble producing unit.

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (previously presented): A method for dampening energy that is generated from an underwater energy source, comprising:

providing at least two devices according to claim 5;

surrounding said energy source with said devices; and

producing bubbles through said devices.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The method according to claim 12, wherein at least three devices according to claim 5 are provided and used to create bubbles.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method according to claim 13, wherein at least four devices according to claim 5 are provided and used to create bubbles.

Claims 15-17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (new): A stationary underwater energy dampening device, comprising in combination:

a first tube segment with holes for release of a gas;

a second tube segment with holes for release of a gas;

a source of gas coupled to each said tube segment;

said first tube segment located vertically spaced below said second tube segment; and

each said tube segment adapted to be held stationary.

Claim 19 (new): The energy dampening device of claim 18, wherein said first tube segment and said second tube segment are aligned such that bubbles released from holes in said first tube segment travel up to a location of said second tube segment and substantially intersecting with the position of said second tube segment, except when disturbing forces such as water currents influence bubble travel.

Claim 20 (new): The energy dampening device of claim 18, wherein said first tube segment and said second tube segment are separate from each other and are each coupled to a common elongate vertically extending spine.

Claim 21 (new): The energy dampening device of claim 20, wherein a tube support frame is coupled to each said tube segment, said tube support frames adapted to hold adjacent tube segments to said spine.

Claim 22 (new): The energy dampening device of claim 21, wherein each said tube support frame is adapted to support one of said tube segments within said tube support frame.

Claim 23 (new): The energy dampening device of claim 18, wherein each said tube segment is arcuate extending circumferentially around a cylindrical region in which a sound source can be located with dampening of energy from the sound source by bubbles released from said holes in said tube segments.

Claim 24 (new): An underwater energy dampening device, comprising in combination:

a first hole for release of a gas;

a second hole for release of a gas;

a source of gas coupled to each said hole;

said first hole located vertically spaced below said second hole; and

said first hole and said second hole aligned such that bubbles released from said first hole travel upward to a location of said second hole, except when forces such as water currents influence bubble travel.

Claim 25 (new): The energy dampening device of claim 24, wherein each said hole is coupled to a common elongate vertically extending spine.

Claim 26 (new): The energy dampening device of claim 24, wherein said first hole is located within a first tube segment and said second hole is located within a second tube segment, said first tube segment and said second tube segment separate from each other and each extending arcuately and circumferentially around a cylindrical region in which a sound source can be located, with dampening of energy emanating from the sound source by bubbles released from said holes in said tube segments.